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REPORT ON WELL COMPLETIONS IN THE UNITED STATES[1]

Wells actually completed in the current month may not be reported until several months later. The chart shown below illustrates the cumulative number of well completions for the current month and each of the eleven prior months, as now reported to the API. For comparison purposes, a corresponding curve describes the data, as then reported to the API, for the same twelve-month period a year ago.

These data are preliminary and subject to revision. The number of wells shown in the chart excludes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. The geographic distribution for wells and footage is not published on a monthly basis, but is available from the API's "Quarterly Completion Report."

Cumulative Number of Wells Reported as Completed
For Each of the Past 12 Months

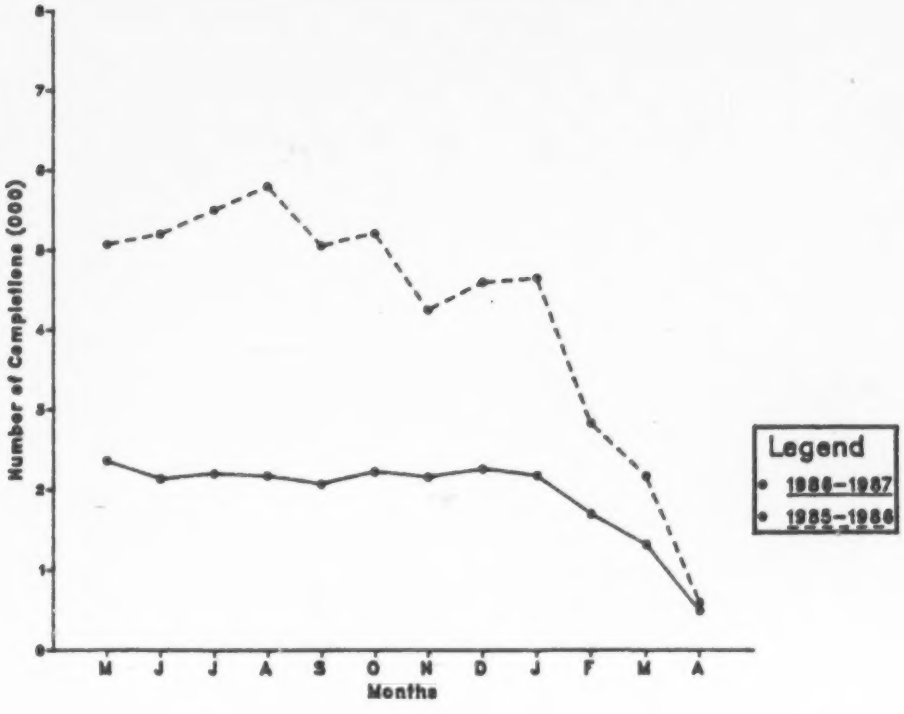

TABLE I: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF TOTAL WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF APRIL 24, 1987[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES		TOTAL ALL WELLS[4]	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1987	2,646	11,714,284	943	5,935,210	2,099	11,146,709	5,688	28,796,203	5,767	29,062,861
1987: APR	181	811,524	44	232,884	272	1,380,847	497	2,425,255	498	2,427,761
MAR	609	2,848,639	201	1,269,027	508	2,828,740	1,318	6,946,406	1,335	7,003,872
FEB	836	3,672,019	299	1,937,975	563	2,896,557	1,698	8,506,551	1,725	8,618,025
JAN	1,020	4,382,102	399	2,495,324	756	4,040,565	2,175	10,917,991	2,209	11,013,203
TOTAL 1986	16,950	69,819,191	6,611	37,193,593	11,269	56,689,014	34,830	163,701,798	35,416	165,710,354
1986: DEC	986	4,111,151	421	2,500,097	852	4,380,265	2,259	10,991,513	2,316	11,164,534
NOV	999	3,791,181	387	2,279,378	775	3,886,603	2,161	9,957,162	2,193	10,075,895
OCT	999	3,841,887	469	2,642,858	759	3,759,522	2,227	10,244,267	2,273	10,397,964
SEP	908	3,644,589	454	2,418,253	714	3,611,619	2,076	9,674,461	2,100	9,759,117
AUG	868	3,701,586	485	2,524,444	822	3,772,344	2,175	9,998,374	2,213	10,122,520
JUL	911	4,003,005	510	2,553,475	780	3,829,396	2,201	10,385,876	2,250	10,542,835
JUN	922	3,865,936	472	2,583,542	745	3,546,869	2,139	9,996,347	2,171	10,111,990
MAY	1,074	4,829,440	462	2,670,384	824	4,224,393	2,360	11,724,217	2,417	11,931,962
APR	1,631	7,270,825	606	3,699,838	961	4,793,437	3,198	15,764,100	3,255	15,974,650
MAR	2,228	9,414,275	690	4,102,288	1,235	6,122,413	4,153	19,638,976	4,204	19,795,426
FEB	2,260	9,596,267	677	4,008,096	1,126	6,180,334	4,063	19,784,697	4,125	20,024,427
JAN	3,164	11,749,049	978	5,210,940	1,676	8,581,819	5,818	25,541,808	5,899	25,809,034
TOTAL 1985	35,239	139,093,200	12,436	68,869,764	20,557	101,289,729	68,232	309,252,693	69,845	314,305,259
1985: DEC	2,734	11,054,179	890	5,031,241	1,754	8,980,819	5,378	25,066,239	5,463	25,374,289
NOV	2,522	10,016,082	867	4,979,489	1,509	7,449,518	4,898	22,445,089	4,971	22,717,733
OCT	2,931	11,542,564	1,183	6,063,379	1,725	8,323,191	5,839	25,929,134	5,931	26,252,648
SEP	2,780	10,562,592	1,059	5,522,661	1,681	8,173,989	5,520	24,259,242	5,611	24,512,179
AUG	3,264	12,341,944	1,099	5,939,808	1,881	8,824,186	6,244	27,105,938	6,340	27,376,327
JUL	3,047	11,242,538	1,075	5,890,787	1,787	8,340,318	5,909	25,473,643	6,066	25,917,042
JUN	2,930	11,197,293	1,010	5,423,089	1,632	7,637,796	5,572	24,258,178	5,717	24,713,929
MAY	2,829	11,582,380	902	5,054,501	1,641	8,155,262	5,372	24,792,143	5,568	25,390,178
APR	2,925	11,730,523	986	5,744,480	1,701	8,432,439	5,612	25,907,442	5,764	26,330,239
MAR	3,209	13,023,574	1,090	6,263,189	1,796	8,859,897	6,095	28,146,660	6,303	28,700,819
FEB	2,797	11,605,055	1,082	6,178,610	1,501	7,830,763	5,380	25,614,428	5,517	26,067,010
JAN	3,271	13,194,476	1,193	6,778,5[illegible]0	1,949	10,281,551	6,413	30,254,557	6,594	30,952,866
TOTAL 1984	43,607	165,995,282	14,659	80,566,342	24,936	117,959,930	83,202	364,521,554	85,403	370,266,416
TOTAL 1983	38,168	140,662,021	12,682	69,727,572	23,635	103,277,903	74,485	313,667,496	76,514	318,433,605

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TABLE II: CUMULATIVE NUMBER OF EXPLORATORY WELLS AND FOOTAGE DRILLED IN THE UNITED STATES BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR, AS OF APRIL 24, 1987[1]

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS & DRY HOLES	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1987	160	1,020,529	126	882,224	1,051	5,846,566	1,337	7,749,319
1987: APR	12	75,048	4	24,835	123	641,914	139	741,797
MAR	33	256,359	28	172,949	260	1,456,046	321	1,885,354
FEB	41	272,887	35	241,858	273	1,442,208	349	1,956,953
JAN	74	416,235	59	442,582	395	2,306,398	528	3,165,215
TOTAL 1986	990	5,915,145	705	4,811,121	5,081	28,816,070	6,776	39,542,336
1986: DEC	70	455,074	43	305,867	452	2,477,816	565	3,238,757
NOV	50	270,987	49	322,731	384	2,033,975	483	2,627,693
OCT	48	290,153	40	292,792	345	1,888,971	433	2,471,916
SEP	41	186,319	60	331,147	308	1,696,462	409	2,213,928
AUG	52	277,689	55	343,297	355	1,885,888	462	2,506,874
JUL	76	425,934	57	330,288	341	1,804,382	474	2,560,604
JUN	54	294,173	47	299,723	305	1,719,144	406	2,313,040
MAY	78	442,854	40	346,095	391	2,300,411	509	3,089,360
APR	99	677,399	63	509,788	427	2,450,877	589	3,638,064
MAR	114	762,583	68	537,967	541	3,125,634	723	4,426,184
FEB	118	740,639	75	540,422	497	3,144,723	690	4,425,784
JAN	190	1,091,341	108	651,004	735	4,287,787	1,033	6,030,132
TOTAL 1985	1,783	10,317,414	1,270	8,597,978	8,997	49,304,992	12,050	68,220,384
1985: DEC	150	874,033	88	613,724	843	4,749,862	1,081	6,237,619
NOV	110	641,398	90	682,375	682	3,715,557	882	5,039,330
OCT	147	818,867	87	520,387	774	4,077,210	1,008	5,416,464
SEP	122	655,313	78	536,339	741	3,979,971	941	5,171,623
AUG	172	1,012,349	99	664,614	817	4,218,891	1,088	5,895,854
JUL	141	799,909	95	605,360	751	3,912,127	987	5,317,396
JUN	132	686,800	116	828,999	692	3,453,455	940	4,969,254
MAY	156	911,877	124	786,712	682	3,826,137	962	5,524,726
APR	130	722,474	114	783,866	716	4,041,798	960	5,548,138
MAR	183	1,100,015	111	720,714	738	4,145,674	1,032	5,966,403
FEB	164	1,026,618	121	845,608	688	4,077,064	973	5,949,290
JAN	176	1,067,761	147	1,009,280	873	5,107,246	1,196	7,184,287
TOTAL 1984	2,324	12,587,130	1,568	9,884,455	11,085	58,489,296	14,977	80,960,881
TOTAL 1983	2,141	10,663,600	1,622	10,130,525	10,068	48,350,689	13,831	69,144,814

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TABLE III: TOTAL NUMBER OF WELLS AND FOOTAGE ADDITIONS[1] BY COMPLETION MONTH AND YEAR REPORTED TO THE API DURING APRIL 1987

	OIL WELLS[2]		GAS WELLS[3]		DRY HOLES		TOTAL OIL & GAS AND DRY HOLES		TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[4] CURRENT MONTH	
	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE	WELLS	FOOTAGE
TOTAL 1987	799	3,498,072	331	1,994,097	542	2,708,664	1,672	8,200,833	1,689	8,259,840
1987: APR	181	811,524	44	232,884	272	1,380,847	497	2,425,255	498	2,427,761
MAR	390	1,741,140	155	983,987	194	1,012,702	739	3,737,829	752	3,781,946
FEB	168	707,984	84	513,475	48	207,076	300	1,428,535	302	1,437,135
JAN	60	237,424	48	263,751	28	108,039	136	609,214	137	612,998
TOTAL 1986	139	446,581	106	443,704	93	317,561	338	1,207,846	343	1,219,495
1986: DEC	30	152,619	28	130,627	17	55,443	75	338,689	75	338,689
NOV	24	63,082	21	75,792	16	56,464	61	195,338	61	195,338
OCT	17	32,324	16	80,427	9	47,240	42	159,991	44	166,813
SEP	9	22,821	8	41,587	6	19,426	23	83,834	23	83,834
AUG	4	10,498	10	52,997	12	22,243	26	85,738	26	85,738
JUL	5	28,490	5	18,650	5	21,215	15	68,355	16	71,755
JUN	7	28,323	5	12,521	7	12,372	19	53,216	19	53,216
MAY	10	29,424	2	6,552	7	44,642	19	80,618	19	80,618
APR	12	20,047	2	5,014	4	17,897	18	42,958	18	42,958
MAR	5	15,077	3	5,923	1	6,037	9	27,037	9	27,037
FEB	5	11,275	1	2,612	7	13,034	13	26,921	13	26,921
JAN	11	32,601	5	11,002	2	1,548	18	45,151	20	46,578
TOTAL 1985	85	156,356	10	26,219	36	108,334	131	290,909	139	301,747
1985: DEC	9	31,631	0	0	2	635	11	32,266	13	33,754
NOV	6	15,592	1	1,730	2	8,900	9	26,222	10	27,155
OCT	6	15,708	3	6,416	2	8,340	11	30,464	12	31,440
SEP	6	23,511	2	8,330	3	13,085	11	44,926	12	45,896
AUG	4	5,271	1	3,068	5	8,570	10	16,909	12	20,490
JUL	4	8,495	1	219	2	2,673	7	11,387	7	11,387
JUN	26	9,432	0	0	4	10,688	30	20,120	30	20,120
MAY	3	7,689	1	4,616	4	6,651	8	18,956	8	18,956
APR	8	7,981	0	0	2	4,800	10	12,781	10	12,781
MAR	5	3,837	0	0	2	1,672	7	5,509	7	5,509
FEB	6	22,409	1	1,840	3	8,063	10	32,312	10	32,312
JAN	2	4,800	0	0	5	34,257	7	39,057	8	41,947
TOTAL 1984	25	55,608	7	41,780	13	37,747	45	135,135	52	146,767
YRS PRIOR TO 1984	11	21,647	5	24,689	20	63,511	36	109,847	36	109,847
TOTAL WELLS REPORTED[5]	1,059	4,178,264	459	2,530,489	704	3,235,817	2,222	9,944,570	2,259	10,037,696

See footnotes on page 5.

TABLE I AND TABLE II:

1. The cumulative number of wells reported in this table is the total number of wells included in the API database for each of the months and years shown, as of April 24, 1987. These data are preliminary and subject to further revisions.

2. Includes multiple completion wells which produce oil from at least one zone, but may produce gas from one or more zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well.

3. Includes multiple completion wells which produce gas from all zones. A multiple completion well is counted as one well. Gas wells also include so-called condensate wells.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells. (Not applicable to Table II.)

TABLE III:

1. Total number of wells received by the API during the report month and classified by completion month and year. These wells are included in Tables I and II.

2. See footnote (2) above.

3. See footnote (3) above.

4. Includes stratigraphic and core tests and service wells.

5. Total wells reported are those received by the API for the report period March 28, 1987 through April 24, 1987. The sub-totals shown for each yearly period may not add up to the total wells reported for the period. Some wells, received during the report period, may have been completed in years prior to those shown in Table III.